

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

PEDRO ROSSELLO, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BROWN & WILLIAMSON, et al.,

Defendants

CIVIL CASE NO. 97-1910 (JAF)

**JOINT MOTION REQUESTING ORAL ARGUMENT
PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 7(g)**

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

COME NOW Philip Morris USA Inc., R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, and Lorillard Tobacco Company (the “OPMs”), through their undersigned counsel, and and Liggett Group LLC, Commonwealth Brands, Inc., Compania Industrial de Tabacos Monte-Paz, S.A., Daughters & Ryan, Inc., Farmers Tobacco Company of Cynthiana, Inc., House of Prince A/S, Japan Tobacco International U.S.A., Inc., King Maker Marketing, Inc., Kretek International, Inc., Liberty Brands, LLC, Peter Stokkebye Tobaksfabrik A/S, P.T. Djarum, Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Company, Inc., Sherman’s 1400 Broadway N.Y.C., Inc., Top Tobacco, L.P., Vibo Corporation d/b/a General Tobacco, Virginia Carolina Corporation, Inc., and Von Eicken Group (collectively, the “Joining SPMs”), through their undersigned counsel, and respectfully request that this Honorable Court, in its discretion, schedule oral argument on the OPMs motion to compel arbitration, the SPMs’ joinder, and the plaintiffs’ opposition and the OPMs’ and SPMs’ replies (Docket Nos. 262, 268, 272, 282 and 283, respectively). The appearing parties believe that oral argument would be of assistance to the Court in deciding the pending motion.

Respectfully submitted.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico this 10th day of January, 2007.

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